

THREE SOLDIERS, ONE GRAVE, 'TEMPORARY'

Undertaker Explains Emergency Was Forced by U. S. Penuriousness.

CANNOT GET HIS PAY

W. A. Skahill Assests Uncle Sam Won't Buy Flags for Caskets.

The Federal Government refused to supply flags for the graves of soldier dead and was penurious in expenses for burials. William A. Skahill, an undertaker of 368 West Fifth street, charged yesterday in answer to critics who accused him of breaking his contracts for burying veterans and placing two or three bodies in one grave.

"I am an ex-service man and a member of the American Legion," Skahill said. "I have shown greater consideration to the memory of dead soldiers than has the Government, for which they fought. I went to the Fox Hills Hospital and asked for flags for the graves. I was told there in authority were too busy to attend to it. I paid for flags myself. Since this inquiry started the Public Health Service has decided suddenly to provide flags."

Because he has been unable to collect from the Government what is due him, Skahill said, he had been compelled to do the best he could in providing for graves and burials. Yesterday he received \$226, he said, from the Government and the Government now owes him \$2,000 for burying soldiers who have died in New York hospitals and whose bodies are unclaimed.

The contract price for funerals was \$75, Skahill said, and no provision was made for embalming. It was true he had placed three bodies in one grave, but that was not his fault. He could arrange for separate graves, and he had applied for permits for removal of two bodies before the investigation started.

WHITMAN INQUIRY COMES TO AN END

Grand Jury Is Discharged at Swann's Request.

With the discharge yesterday of the additional Grand Jury impaneled last January to hear the evidence presented by Charles S. Whitman, who was appointed a special Assistant District Attorney by District Attorney Swann, the investigation by the former Governor of alleged corruption in the city administration came to an end.

At Mr. Whitman's request District Attorney Swann requested Judge Cram to discharge the jury. Judge Cram, in his opinion, said that the jury, Mr. Whitman will retain his place on the District Attorney's staff, but will receive no salary unless some unexpected development requires a renewal of the investigation.

Twenty-six indictments were returned by the so-called Whitman Grand Jury, which began its work in January. One of these returned against Chief Inspector William J. Flood, dismissed. Others included indictments against two police captains and members of the Police Automobile Squad, charged with receiving unlawful gratuities. Indictments were returned against three members of the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

The only case tried was that of Patrolman Cornelius J. Flood, found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of a sixteen-year-old boy. The remainder of the cases will not be tried until the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court convenes in October.

INVITED COLLECTOR IN AND PUNCHED HIS NOSE

Trippy Complains Mr. and Mrs. Baylen Mistreated Him.

Charged with making a joint attack upon a bill collector, who called at his home at 333 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn, George T. Baylen, a coffee merchant, and his wife, Eva, were held yesterday for \$500 bail for examination July 26. On an additional charge of carrying a revolver \$500 additional bail was required from Mrs. Baylen.

Arthur Trippy, a jeweler, of 222 Clarkson Avenue, told Magistrate Reynolds that as an accommodation to a friend he had sought several times to collect from Baylen. Wednesday night Baylen invited him in, he said, then punched him in the nose. When Trippy tried to get away, Baylen held him there with a revolver, while Baylen struck him repeatedly, he said. Finally, they wearied of the sport and let him go with an admonition not to return.

TRIO HELD AS SUSPECTS IN BIG SAFE ROBBERIES

Stolen Securities Figure in Police Charges.

Three men who were taken to Police Headquarters yesterday and were said to be accused in relation to a series of safe burglaries on April 11 in the new city office building at Broadway were later held in the Tombs Court in \$2,000 bail apiece for examination "on suspicion" that they had received stolen securities belonging to J. B. Hirschfeld & Co., one of the firms robbed.

The prisoners are Robert French, described as a broker, of 135 West Ninety-seventh street; Larry A. Starsburg, of 56 New Street and Louis Albert, a clerk, of 1066 Interborough Avenue. The Bronx Magistrate McQuade held them for a hearing on Wednesday. The police would not discuss the arrests on the ground that it might hamper them in making others.

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GOVERNORS ISLAND BUGLERS KEPT BUSY WITH FUNERALS

Calls Made on Small Garrison Due to Recent Arrival of War Dead—Expenses of Squads Must Be Paid.

These are busy days for the buglers of the infantry battalion stationed at Governors Island. They have to attend less than three military funerals a day. Due to the great number of war dead whose bodies recently have been brought back on the transport, numerous requests are received at the island for firing squads and buglers to attend military funerals.

Yesterday an effort was made to obtain a gun carriage and a rideless mount for the funeral of Lieut. Charles Cusick of Union Hill, whose body was returned on the transport Wheaton. Officers at Governors Island informed the adjutant of the Charles Cusick Post, American Legion, that these were not to be had, but that if their expenses

LEO URGES HYLAN TO PUNISH CRITICS

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As a source of graft, and as there was no general contractor to hold up for a round sum on the whole operation, he tackled Fradus first on the wrecking and excavation. First he demanded that Fradus find some excuse for jumping his price up to \$400,000 and then that he take in a man named Pierce, another excavating contractor, as his partner in the job. Fradus refused these terms and he afterward testified at Brindell's trial, Brindell demanded \$75,000, later reduced to a mere \$25,000, as the price of "permission" to go ahead with the work. He also demanded a copy of the contract, which Fradus also refused.

Franklin Nevius, an attorney, and George H. Clark, an engineer, to whom Fradus appealed, sought to intervene with Brindell in Fradus's behalf, but were received very coldly and told that either Fradus would increase his contract by \$225,000 and take on Pierce as a partner or he would not get the men necessary to do the work.

Engineers Walked Out.

Finally, when Fradus undertook to start the job regardless of Brindell's threats, his stationary engineers, members of Brindell's Building Trades Council, walked out on him and he was left helpless. Excavating machinery which he had ordered was mysteriously delayed in transit to the scene of the work and the Garment Centre Realty Company, according to Fradus's story, suddenly held him liable for not performing on the contract according to schedule, and Fradus took over the job. Brindell told Fradus that he was not to do any work in New York City because he had challenged Brindell's power. Fradus found himself beset at every point and was forced into bankruptcy within a few months of losing the Garment Centre contract. He has since brought suit for \$325,000 damages, alleging that Brindell drove him into bankruptcy as "punishment" for not meeting Brindell's demands.

Later, when Fradus was at his wit's end for work, he went to Brindell and told the labor czar he could get a certain small contract if Brindell would let him. How much would it cost? He said \$2,000. Brindell said at the time, but said nothing about that.

Brindell pondered a few minutes and then said: "Well, Fradus, you've had a good lesson. Since you're so hard now, I'll give you that job for \$1,000 and I'll give you a paper so you'll get my men to work for you. They won't unless I give you a letter."

So Fradus paid over his \$1,000, got his "paper," signed by the secretary of Brindell's organization and certifying that he was in the right, and he started work again for the first time in several months. That was in September, 1920. When the Lockwood committee began its hearing on the case, Fradus was in the hands of the Lockwood committee. He was brought into the case by the fact that he was in touch with Leonard Wallstein, associate counsel to the committee, who found him ready to tell his whole story. He said he was already ruined by Brindell and he could not see that telling the story would harm him any further. His story was repeated on the stand October 21, 1920, and was one of the sensations of the Lockwood investigation.

At that time Fradus was told again by men friendly to Brindell that he had "cooked his goose for sure, now," and that he need expect no more success as a contractor in this part of the world. But Fradus went about his business unafraid and later testified against Brindell's trial. Brindell is said to have vowed bitter vengeance against him for that.

Other contractors, admiring the little man's courage and finding him unusual in business ways, have interested themselves in him, and today, in his contract with the city, he has the backing of Booth & Plinn, the big subway contractor. But he cannot seem to get away from the ever present mysterious obstacles that spring up overnight on every job he tackles. He now threatens to sue the city for \$300,000 for damages because of his inability properly to perform the contract through interference by the city and its agents.

Commissioner Leo ridiculed this threat yesterday, saying that he could not exceed \$350,000 of the contract, and that unless he was a champion profiteer Fradus could not make any such profits. But Fradus, it is understood, includes in his damages expenses which he has incurred in organizing a plant for the work.

'BIG BILL' EDWARDS HAS FAREWELL PARTY

Celebrates Retirement as Collector at Luna Park.

William H. ("Big Bill") Edwards celebrated his retirement as Collector of Internal Revenue last night by giving a farewell party to his employees at Luna Park, Coney Island. He was later the guest of his department heads and executives at a dinner, after which he mingled with the crowd until midnight. The employees wore badges entitling them to go free to all the attractions of the park, the only stipulation placed upon them by "Big Bill" being that they always pay the one cent war tax.

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RECORD FOR 12 MONTHS

Rail Association Seeks Plan to Stop Losses—Liquor Proves Hard to Carry.

By theft and robbery the railroads of the United States lost \$21,890,000 during 1920. This amount represents nearly one-quarter of the estimated total of freight claims which the roads were called upon to pay during the year. It was considerably larger in proportion to the total claims than it had been any previous year in the history of United States railroading.

These figures were presented yesterday at the annual meeting of the protective section of the American Railway Association in the Hotel Pennsylvania, which had for its chief business the formulation of a plan whereby these losses may be reduced. W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania system; E. J. Pearson, president of the New Haven; and E. E. Ashton, president of the American Railway Association, all addressed the meeting on the necessity of working out such a plan.

Police Commissioner Nathan said that his troubles at the meeting said the shipment of liquor was proving the most difficult problem. The losses through such shipments are soaring every month and it requires more police to guard them than it does any other shipment of like value.

The railroad men propose to deal with the problem by bringing about fuller cooperation between their own special police and municipal and Federal authorities. They also will endeavor to obtain a higher average in the quality of the men doing railroad police work. An educational campaign to teach shippers to place their goods in stronger containers also will be undertaken.

There were 126 railroads represented at the conference, including all of the United States. R. S. Mitchell, chief special agent of the Missouri Pacific, was chairman.

More dry goods are stolen from the freight trains than any other commodity. In the six months from September 1, 1920, to March 31, 1921, when losses were considerably less than in the six months preceding, dry goods valued at \$1,500,000 were stolen. Other losses included \$551,509 in shoes, \$92,604 in liquor, \$357,532 in tobacco and cigars, \$224,140 in automobiles, trucks and accessories, and \$137,535 in candy.

It was brought out by the heads of the railroad police that railroad thieves nearly always work with railroad employees, obtaining from them needed information.

UNHAPPY PAIR FAIL TO GET SEPARATION

Both Failed to Assume Duties, Justice Lehman Finds.

Supreme Court Justice Lehman refused yesterday a separation to Mrs. Anna Q. Lynch, dressmaker, of 165 East Forty-ninth street, because neither she nor her husband, James J. Lynch, had, in his opinion, honestly assumed what should have been their full duties.

"The initial mistake seems to me to have been the arrangement whereby the plaintiff has continued after her marriage to work and earn money to support the family, while her husband, Justice Lehman's opinion states, 'As a result there has been no real home life. The husband has not had the full burden which should be hers, of caring for the children's physical well being and making a real home and each party has accused the other of failing to perform his or her full duty.'

"I cannot conscientiously find that any of the legal grounds for separation exist. The parties have created the conditions and can, by an honest attempt to subordinate their own desires and inclinations to the welfare of their children, remedy these conditions."

WANT MRS. BURKETT HERE.

Detective John Cuniff of the District Attorney's office, in New York, last night, where Mrs. Emma R. Burkett, charged with forging a claim for \$69,000 against the estate of Theodore Roosevelt, is under arrest.

Clad in full regalia, with much gold braid, negro officers of many local and national organizations gathered at pier 8, East River, when the Spanish Royal Mail liner Leo XIII was docking. But the Mayor was not permitted to land, pending clearance from Washington, and, vice versa, the delegation was not permitted to go aboard the vessel. As a result, the only glimpse of the visitor was and as he paced the deck.

Those who were permitted to land during the preceding twenty-four hours: Hudson 1920 phaeton, blue body, red wheels; Dodge five passenger touring; license 247878; Stutz 1915 touring; license 205831 N. Y.; motor A11009; Ford 1921 touring; license 255504 N. Y.; Pierce Arrow 1920 touring; license 170270 N. Y.; motor 47080; Stephens 1921 touring; dark blue; license 227085 N. Y.; motor 22015; Chevrolet 1920 touring; green; license 105701 N. Y.; motor 68298; Ford 1918 touring; green; license 133096 N. Y.; motor 2075316; Ford 1921 touring; license 271641 N. Y.; motor 4187520; Ford 1921 touring; license 2218 N. Y.; motor 205921; Ford 1920 sedan; license 118537 N. Y.; motor 47181; Ford 1921 touring; license 234913 N. Y.; motor 4841216; Lexington 1920 touring; license 204456 N. Y.; motor 20698; Ford 1921 touring; license 218824 N. J.; license 4701941; Stutz 1920 touring, blue and black; license 1921 N. Y.; motor 1920; Ford one ton truck, large painted body, dark green; license unknown; motor 471941; Oldsmobile 1920 sedan, green body; license 12201 N. Y.; motor ED11022.

Fire Record.

A. M. Loss.
1:00-1:14 West 50th st. at awning; Great Northern Hotel; Trifling 6:00-6:10 West 34th st. at Scherrie; 6:25-6:37 East 101st st. at automobile; 6:30-6:42 West 101st st. at Scherrie; 9:00-9:10 East 62d st. at Theresa; 9:00-9:10 In front of 24 Hancock st. (tomato); James R. Wals. No damage; 10:30-10:41 11th st. at Madison; 10:40-10:49 East 102d st. at Oak Oak; 1:00-2:04 Delancey st. at Vincent; 2:00-2:08 7th st. at Martin; 2:00-2:08 7th st. at Martin; 3:00-3:15 8th st. at Joseph; 3:40-3:50 Thompson st. at Elizabeth; 5:11-5:24 Dawson st. at The Bronx; Roosevelt Elementary; Unknown.

'LONE WOLF' NEAR GALLOWS, TELLS HOW TO AVOID IT

Harry Ward Urges That Men Like Judge Lindsey Be Placed in Boys' Court—Pays Tribute to Mother.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
CHICAGO, July 14.—A record of a condemned man's thoughts of death, transcribed while he listened to the noises from the chamber where carpenters were erecting his gallows, was penned today by Harry Ward, the "Lone Wolf," who murdered two persons. He will be hanged to-morrow.

In his "farewell letter" he analyzed the causes of crime and laid to the door of his father his own plight. He urged a "helping hand" for boys released from reformatories and announced his readiness to pay the penalty. "I attribute to his mother makes up the bulk of the misdeed."

The letter reads: "Twenty-four hours from now I'll be a thing of the past. The average citizen thinks that condemned men in their last hours are moaning, groaning cowards. But death has no terror at all if we are prepared; and I am ready. The pain, sorrow and the shame does not rest upon me. It all goes to hurt the dearest soul on God ever granted breath—my mother. "Everybody turns against you, but you're always sure of your mother. "Chicago can be proud of its

SENATE IMPROVES, SAYS CITIZENS UNION

Better Timber and Less Opposition for Criticism Is Seen in City's 1921 Members.

Records of New York city's members of the State Senate as given in its annual report of the Legislature, were made public by the Citizens Union last night. As was the case in the Assembly, this list, never before have so many members of the Senate received such cordial praise from this organization. This is due probably to the fact that a majority of the city members voted against the Miller traction bill and the direct primary repeal, both of which bills the Citizens Union opposed.

Of the Senate in general the report states the body contains a number of new men of more than usual ability, that the Senators did not take full advantage of their opportunities for usefulness. Senator C. C. Lockwood of Brooklyn is spoken of as the most useful city member. The individual records follow:

JAMES J. WALKER (Dem., 12th District)—Successful and partisan minority leader, with excellent record of votes, performed important service in effectively attacking the city's financial policy. His influence in the Senate is considerable.

JOHN J. BOYLE (Dem., 13th)—An attentive legislator of some capacity, in his eleventh year made a mediocre record. He has been a consistent supporter of the Bland bill, but partisan legislator, with record of votes on important bills above average, who seldom rises above the level of a city affairs make him a useful representative.

NATHAN STRAUSS, Jr. (Dem., 10th)—First year legislator, made excellent record of votes and other activities; painstaking and sincere.

MARTIN G. MCQUE (Dem., 16th)—Energetic and highly explosive legislator of long experience in Assembly and unquestionable ability; record of votes in first year in the Senate was poor; large part of his bills were rejected.

SCHUYLER M. MEYER (Rep., 17th)—In first year as Senator made excellent record of votes and other activities; frequently opposed the repeal of the direct primary law; deserves credit for good work for legislative reform and for his high standard of efficiency in handling Committee on Privileges and Elections bills.

SALVATOR A. COTILLO (Dem., Eighteenth)—One of the most independent minority Senators; record of votes on important measures showed considerable improvement; introduced some objectionable bills.

WILLIAM DUGAN (Rep., Nineteenth)—First year member with rather uneven record; voted frequently against the repeal of the direct primary law; high standard of efficiency in handling Committee on Privileges and Elections bills.

WARD V. TOLBERT (Rep., Twentieth)—One of the best first year Senators; forceful and effective; record of votes on important measures showed considerable improvement; introduced some objectionable bills.

EDMUND SEIDEL (Sec., Twenty-second)—Record of votes on important measures in first year; conscientious, but not generally effective.

JOHN J. DUNNIGAN (Dem., Twenty-third)—Record of votes in first year; conscientious; continued poor record of votes and introduced many objectionable bills.

MAXWELL S. HARRIS (Rep., Fourth)—One of the most promising first year men, whose tendency to "regular" weakened his effectiveness and efficiency in record of votes; deserves credit for opposing direct primary repeal.

DORIS J. REID (Dem., 5th)—Still a rubber stamp in twenty-first year; record of votes in first year; conscientious, but not generally effective.

REID WANTS TO KEEP PUP AND A PAINTING

Asks Court to Compel Former Wife to Submit Ownership to Arbitration.

Supreme Court Justice McCook took under advisement yesterday the question whether Mrs. Margaret Reid, who divorced Daniel G. Reid on February 27, 1920, must submit to arbitration the ownership of a Pekinese pup and a portrait of King George I. She claims these objects as part of \$400,000 worth of her personal property which Mr. Reid had given permission for her to remove from their former home in 907 Fifth Avenue.

None of this property was removed until the question of the painting and the pup came up. The action now is to compel Mrs. Reid to submit to the same court of arbitration. W. M. K. Olcott, counsel for Mr. Reid, said Mrs. Reid was claiming as hers various tapestries and pictures which were in the house before she entered it as Mr. Reid's third wife. Mr. Reid talked, however, at letting the pup and painting go.

One after another Mr. Reid saw the valuable household articles being moved from his home and he made no objection. But love for the pup, which has slept at the foot of his bed every night for so long that it has become a part of his life, led him to instruct Mr. Olcott to bring the action to compel Mrs. Reid to submit the question of the ownership of the little animal to arbitration.

Edmund L. Mooney, counsel for Mrs. Reid, argued that the Pekinese is a household effect. He said: "Mrs. Reid says that since his wife left his home the little Pekie has slept nightly at the foot of his bed and he cannot possibly part with it. Reasoning upon probabilities, to whom does that Pekinese pup belong? Why, to Mrs. Reid, of course."

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THE BAT 44th St. and Broadway. MATINEE TO-MORROW 5:00 TO 8:30.
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QUEEN OF SHEBA Directed by J. Gordon Edwards.
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GEORGE ARLISS IN THE GREEN GODDESS.
CENTRAL 44th St. and Broadway. MATINEE TO-MORROW 5:00 TO 8:30.
YANKEE IN KING ARTHUR'S COURT.
PARK THEATRE 24th St. and Broadway. MATINEE TO-MORROW 5:00 TO 8:30.
OVER THE HILL.
FULTON 40th St. and Broadway. MATINEE TO-MORROW 5:00 TO 8:30.
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LEON ERROL.

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POP. MATS. WED. & SAT.
GEO. COHANE'S 43d St. and Broadway. MATINEE TO-MORROW 5:00 TO 8:30.
FULL OF BRISK AND GUTTER.
A. L. Erlanger's Two Little Girls in Blue.

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